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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL/RESPONSE

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 1-7 with the following:

The fluorescence intensity data (or other signals) detected may be processed as described for gene expression monitoring without extension reaction. Some of the data processing methods are described in, *e.g.*, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,040,138 and 5,800,992, U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers 09/528,414, all incorporated herein in their entireties by reference for all purposes.

Please replace the paragraph on page 30, lines 13-16 with the following:

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